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Paint Nite: Drink booze and paint a masterpiece

Manhattan. A popular painting class mixes alcohol and paints at a bar.

At the beginning of a painting class on the Lower East Side earlier this week, our instructor issued a warn-

"As the night goes on, it's a lot easier to mix up your water cup and your drink cup," cautioned Maura Jacobs, 24, "or to dip your dirty paintbrush into your actual drink. [I] don't want to scare anyone, but it happens a lot."

During Paint Nite events, where we're supposed to "drink creatively," local artists like Jacobs help tipsy pupils fill a blank canvas to mixed results. That night, Jacobs would walk us through "The Cove," a painting she designed for the class featuring a bright yellow moon and dark sea.

Most of us hadn't held a paintbrush since elementary school. But that was OK — there were happy hour specials.

"If at any point you feel little bit nervous or a little sensitive about what you're doing or what your painting looks like, take a drink," Jacobs instructed. "I'm not kidding — it's kind of our only rule."

While drinking is not required, Paint Nite encourages participants to have fun. The classes are designed for students to enjoy themselves with the hope they might continue their art education, explained co-founder Sean McGrail.

"There's not enough





opportunities for people to paint after they reach a cerincentive. tain age," McGrail said. And



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the drinking, he said, is an

Jacobs, who has experience teaching art to children, said Paint Nite classes are comparable because of the laid-back atmosphere and, of course, the alcohol.

"I think the drinking makes them a lot more comfortable," she said of her stupefied students.

It worked. After four cocktails, I felt like Picasso.

While I streaked some purple onto the canvas



A list of Paint Nite events can be found at www.paintnite.com

and sipped my third drink – a jalapeno margarita – Jacobs came over and asked how things were going.
"I'm not going to lie," I

said, pointing at my masterpiece, "this looks damn

One of my classmates, Rebecca Nazario, agreed that drinking increased her confidence.

"It makes you feel a little less afraid of making mistakes," said Nazario, 28.

Paint Nite began in Bos-

My Critique

Paint Nite is all about encouraging creativity, not mastering the craft. When asked about my painting, Jacobs gave a supportive critique.

. While working on the sky in my piece, I added purple without being told to do so.

"That was wonderful," Jacobs said. "Something that not a lot of people do."

But other parts of the sky could have used some work.

"It's strongest on the outside and toward the bottom," Jacobs said. "It's weakest in middle."

I spent a lot of time on the sea — at least a margarita's worth — and it apparently paid off.

Your water and your mountains are definitely the best part," Jacobs said. "Your brush strokes bled together really nicely. All the colors are layered on top of each other, everything looks

ton and came to the city in fall 2012. Right now, about 25 artists hold \$65 classes in about 75 bars in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens.

Most of my class enjoyed themselves. And despite the drinks, the paintings didn't look half bad.

'This was fun," student Camilla Dornguast said. "I normally hate art."



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New York. Mysterious white flags fly over Brooklyn Bridge

Two white flags appeared over the towers of the Brooklyn Bridge on Tuesday morning in place of the American flags that are a fixture of the bridge.

The American flags, measuring 20 feet by 11 feet, that had been bleached white flew over the Brooklyn Bridge, leaving police officials



and the public perplexed. By 1 p.m., the flags were removed.

According to the NYPD, at 3:30 a.m. the light that illuminates the flag over the Brooklyn side of the bridge went out. Twelve minutes later, the light over the Manhattan tower also went out and later the white flags, the universal

symbol of surrender, were discovered.

"We don't take these things lightly," said John Miller, deputy commissioner, intelligence and counterterrorism for the city. "We don't look at it as a joke, as art or a form of speech." However he dismissed any connections to terrorism.

If caught, the suspects face charges of criminal trespass, malicious mischief and reckless endangerment.

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams was incensed. "If flying a white flag atop the Brooklyn Bridge is someone's idea of a joke, I'm not laughing," he said. samar khurshid

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Queens

Robber makes 90-year-old drive to ATM

Police are looking for a robber they said grabbed an elderly man by the neck outside of a Queens supermarket, stole his wallet and made him drive to two ATMs for withdrawals.

The 90-year-old man was leaving a Stop and Shop on Friday morning when he was accosted, the NYPD said.

The robber demanded the man's PIN number and forced him to drive to the ATMs so he could withdraw cash, police said.

ANNA SANDERS



Rikers Island

Cops catch man released early from jail

Kimmanie Waisome, 23, walked into Rikers' Eric M. Taylor Center on June 12 with second-degree attempted robbery and fourth-degree weapon possession charges.

By July 15, he was out — albeit unintentionally. The New York Daily News reported on Monday that Waisome was let go from the jail a full year before he was slated to be released.

Two corrections officers were reportedly suspended after the bureaucratic blunder, and a supervising captain might face disciplinary action.

On Tuesday afternoon, the NYPD traced Waisome to a residence in Jamaica, Queens, where he was apprehended.

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Religious leaders decry anti-Muslim violence

Bay Ridge. A unity meeting took place Tuesday to denounce incidents toward Muslims.

Religious leaders gathered in Brooklyn on Tuesday to push back on what they described as hateful acts against Muslim residents.

As Ramadan nears an end, residents were dismayed on Saturday when three young men circled a city block with flashing lights, blaring horns and waving Israeli flags as worshipers arrived for morning prayers at 4 a.m.

The dustup is the latest in a series of reported bias crimes toward Brooklyn's Muslim community being investigated by NYPD's Hate Crimes Task Force.

In early July, residents along Ocean Parkway



Feeling safe

It's like a home, and it's very basic and natural when your home is attacked. You feel very unsafe and insecure."

Manaf Abdul

found anti-Muslim graffiti along the street. Last Friday evening, three Muslim men in Coney Island were pelted with eggs and insults as they walked to the Thayba Islamic Center.

Manaf Abdul, 38, of the Thayba Islamic Center said the community is apprehensive. "The community is mainly concerned about its safety," he said.

Police apprehended three suspects in the car Sunday after they stopped in front of the religious center, prompting leaders of faith to apologize to the Bay Ridge group.

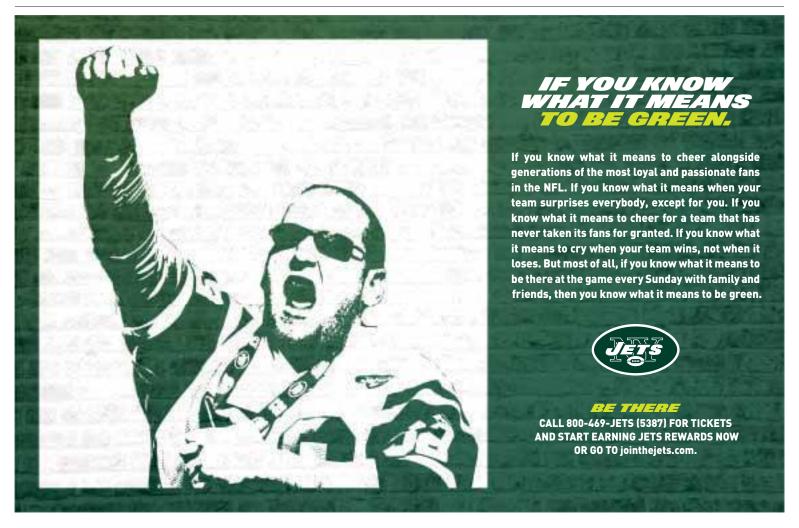
"It makes me very deeply sad that anyone would behave in a harassing way to someone else's worship," Rabbi Valerie Lieber of the Kane Street Synagogue said. "And it makes me especially sad that it was Jews who were doing this."

Lieber said the situation in Gaza has heightened tensions.

"I know many people are very upset about what is happening in Israel and Gaza," she said, "And yet there are appropriate ways to express yourself — not to harass other people."



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Actor portrayal.

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Selected Risk Information About JANUVIA

Serious side effects can happen in people who take JANUVIA, including pancreatitis, which may be severe and lead to death. Before you start taking JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you've ever had pancreatitis. Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heart beat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Please read the Medication Guide on the adjacent page for more detailed information.

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Medication Guide JANUVIA® (jah-NEW-vee-ah) (sitagliptin) Tablets

Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- · kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar
 in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine)
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
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- rash
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- swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

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 are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working.
 Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See "What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?".
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time
 for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take
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- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.

- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See "What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?".
- Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia). If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can
 cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood
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 while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:

headache

irritability

drowsiness

hungerfast heart beat

weaknessdizziness

sweating

confusion

- feeling jittery
- Serious allergic reactions. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop
 taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See "Who should not take JANUVIA?".
 Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different
 medicine for your diabetes.
- Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®).
 Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the use of JANUVIA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes that are not listed in Medication Guides. Do not use JANUVIA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give JANUVIA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.JANUVIA.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

What are the ingredients in JANUVIA?

Active ingredient: sitagliptin

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What is type 2 diabetes?

Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body does not make enough insulin, and the insulin that your body produces does not work as well as it should. Your body can also make too much sugar. When this happens, sugar (glucose) builds up in the blood. This can lead to serious medical problems

High blood sugar can be lowered by diet and exercise, and by certain medicines when necessary.

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Judge tosses suit by Empire State Building investors

A New York state judge has thrown out a law-suit in which investors in the Empire State Building claimed they were shortchanged out of hundreds of millions of dollars by the real estate magnates who took the skyscraper public last October.

In a decision made public on Monday, Justice O. Peter Sherwood of the New York State Supreme Court said the investors waived their right to sue Peter Malkin and his son Anthony when they agreed in May 2013 to settle claims over the building's fate for \$55 million.

The December 2013 lawsuit accused the Malkins of acting in bad faith before the IPO by aborting a "bidding war" for the property.



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New York. NYPD will revise training after SI chokehold death

The New York City Police Department will revise training procedures for officers following the death of Staten Island man Eric Garner.

"I anticipate there will be a retraining of every member of the New York City Police Department in the weeks, months and potential years ahead," Police Commissioner Bill Bratton told reporters on Tuesday.

The move comes after questions surfaced about how Garner was subdued. Video shows arresting officer Daniel Pantaleo wrap his arm around Garner in an apparent choke hold, which have been banned by the police handbook since 1994.

Deputy Commissioner of Training Benjamin Tucker will oversee what top cop Bratton described as a "top to bottom" review of procedures.

While the police's own

Funeral details

- A viewing for Garner is scheduled for Wednesday between 2 and 6:45 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Brooklyn.
- A funeral service will follow where the Rev. Al Sharpton is expected to speak.

internal affairs department will continue looking into the case, Bratton also said the Staten Island district attorney's office launched an investigation.

Earlier, elected leaders gathered at City Hall to demand the officers involved face criminal charges.

"No more hocus-pocus, out of focus," Staten Island Councilwoman Deborah Rose said. "That video was clear — there was clearly a violation of regulations." CHESTER JESUS SORIA



Atlantic City

Manhunt on for armed bandits in \$181K heist

A manhunt was underway on Tuesday for masked bandits who reportedly stole roughly \$181,000 in

an armed robbery at Caesars Atlantic City casino in New Jersey, police said.

Police confirmed only that a robbery had taken place at the casino, a gun was used and they were seeking the perpetrators.



Long Island. Three cases of new mosquito-borne virus confirmed

Three cases of a disabling mosquito-borne virus have been confirmed in Long Island on Tuesday, according to the New York State Department of Health.

Chikungunya, a virus found in Africa, Asia and Europe, was diagnosed in three patients at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset. All three people, unrelated, recently traveled to the Caribbean where they were exposed to mosquitoes carrying the virus.

According to the Centers for Disease Con-



trol and Prevention, the chikungunya virus was found in the Caribbean for the first time in 2013. It causes fever, acute joint pain and headaches. Younger people can recover from the virus in weeks but with the elderly, joint pain can last months and years.

What sets chikungunya apart from West Nile is its high rate of infection, said Dr. Bruce Hirsch, an infectious disease specialist at North Shore University Hospital.

With West Nile, 80 percent of people exposed don't show symptoms. With chikungunya, less than 10 percent would be resistant," he said.

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Wave of migrant kids threatens to swamp courts

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Immigration courts are backlogged by thousands of new and ongoing cases.

A deluge of Central American children pouring into the United States threatens to burst the seams of already overstuffed immigration courts, and President Barack Obama's steps to ease the crisis are likely to make matters worse rather than better for some, U.S. officials and immigration lawyers said.

"We are reaching a point of implosion, if we have not already reached it," said Judge Dana Leigh Marks of San Francisco, who has been deciding immigration cases since 1987.



Migrant children

Unless the flow of migrants from Central America subsides, the U.S. government estimates about 90,000 children will arrive this year, growing to 150,000 next year.

The problem, according to judges, lawyers and immigration groups, is the sheer number of cases clogging the courts, due in part to beefed-up law enforcement at the southwestern U.S. border with Mexico.

Marks, one of the 243 judges presiding over 59 immigration courts in the United States, is setting hearing dates as far off as 2018. It now typically takes three to five years for cases to clear the system, judges and lawyers said.

The court overload is rising in part because of a flood of unaccompanied minors from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador.

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Courts deliver conflictina rulings on health care law

Two federal judicial panels on Tuesday delivered conflicting rulings on how the government subsidizes premiums through President Barack Obama's health care law, creating more uncertainty over signature

legislation that has been dogged by challenges from Republicans and other conservatives.

The rulings, handed down by appeals court judges in the District of Columbia and Virginia, could lead to a new showdown over Obamacare before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The cases deal with the federal government's ability to offer premium tax credits to people who purchase insurance through the federal insurance marketplace that serves the majority of the 8 million consumers who have signed up for private coverage for 2014. REUTERS



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China food scandal spills to US chains

Shanghai. Burger King and Starbucks also used the firm that may have sent expired meat.

The latest food scandal in China is spreading fast, dragging in U.S. coffee chain Starbucks, Burger King Worldwide Inc. and others, as well as McDonald's products as far away as Japan.

McDonald's Corp. and KFC's parent Yum Brands Inc. apologized to Chinese customers on Monday after it emerged that Shanghai Husi Food Co. Ltd., a unit of U.S.-based OSI Group LLC, had supplied expired meat to the two chains.

On Tuesday, Starbucks said some of its cafes previously sold products containing chicken originally sourced from Shang-



hai Husi, a firm that was shut down on Sunday by regulators after a TV report showed staff using expired meat and picking up meat from the floor to add to the mix.

A Tokyo-based spokes-

man at McDonald's Holdings Co. (Japan) Ltd. said the company had sourced about a fifth of its Chicken McNuggets from Shanghai Husi and had halted sales of the product on Monday. REUTERS

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Train carrying Flight MH17 bodies reaches Ukraine city

Kharkiv. The remains will be flown to the Netherlands where they will be identified.

A train carrying the remains of many of the 298 victims of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 arrived in a Ukrainian government-held city on Tuesday on the first leg of their final journey home to be reclaimed by their families.

The train slowly rolled into the grounds of an industry plant, where the remains are due to be unloaded and flown to the Netherlands for the lengthy process of identification. A spokeswoman for a Dutch team of forensic experts in Kharkiv said departure was not expected before Wednesday.



"Here they are, the black boxes."

Aleksander Borodai, the separatist leader told journalists at the headquarters of his self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic as an armed rebel placed the boxes on a desk.

representative of the OSCE European security watchdog said there were still human remains

left where the Boeing 777 hit the ground in eastern Ukraine last Thursday. "We did not observe recovery activity any place," spokesman Michael Bociurkiw said after his group inspected the site earlier in the day.

Western governments have threatened Russia with broader sanctions for what they say is its backing of the militia. However, they are struggling

to agree on a response, and European Union ministers meeting in Brussels on Tuesday delayed action for a few days.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said he would urge the separatists to allow a full investigation which the Netherlands said it would lead. Malaysia said it would send the black boxes to a British lab for analysis.



Talks. Strikes go on despite international peace efforts in Gaza

Israel pounded targets across the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, saying no cease-fire was near as top U.S. and United Nations diplomats pursued talks on halting the fighting.

Secretary of State John Kerry held discussions in neighboring Egypt, while U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon met Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Tel Aviv and planned to see the Palestinian prime minister in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday.

However, there was no letup in the fighting around Gaza, with plumes of smoke in the sky, and Israeli shells raining down on the coastal Palestinian enclave. **reuters**

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U.S. air carriers Delta Air Lines, American Airlines Group and United Airlines on Tuesday halted flights to Israel under directions from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration to ensure passenger safety as turmoil in the region has intensified.

The U.S. moves were swiftly followed by flight stoppages from European carriers, including Germany's Lufthansa, Air-France and Dutch airline KLM. Air Berlin, Germany's second-largest carrier, said it halted its flights through Wednesday, citing the situation on the ground in Tel



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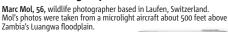


Elephant-astic shadows

It looks like a primitive cave drawing, but in truth it's a family of elephants etching the landscape with their incredible shadows. The looming silhouettes of the group are clearer than the animals themselves, which seem to blend into the sand below them. This aerial image was taken by photographer Marc Mol, who spotted the animals during an air safari in Zambia. METRO WORLD NEWS

Photographer's view

"Nature's rich tapestry portrayed in shadows from the air was indeed a breathtaking experience!"



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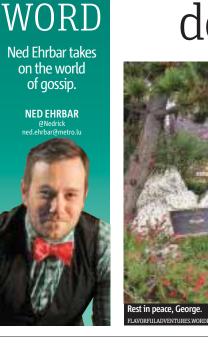
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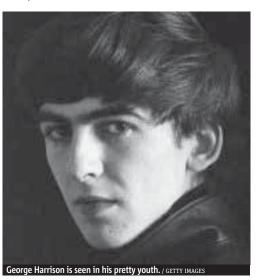
A Beatles landmark destroyed by beetles



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The world has a sick sense of humor sometimes. Case in point: George Harrison's memorial, planted 10 years ago in L.A.'s Griffith Park to honor the late Beatle. The pine, which had grown to more than 10 feet tall by last year, has been felled by beetles. Los Angeles city councilman Tom LaBonge tells the L.A. Times that the living memorial to Harrison had fallen victim to "bark beetles and ladybug beetles, among other treeunfriendly creatures." But at least there are plans to plant a replacement. Let's just hope the hungry insects haven't set their little beetle eyes on Strawberry Fields next.



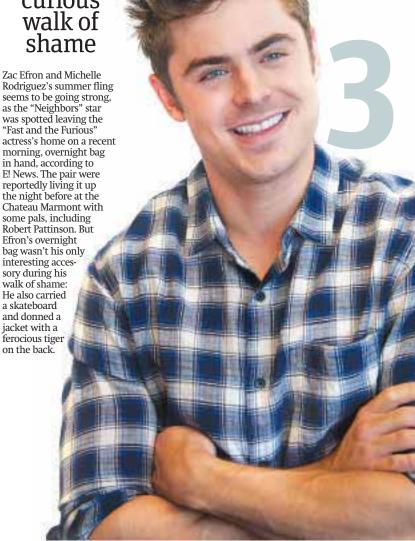


Stone live-texted 'Bridget Jones' to Firth

It turns out being pals with Emma Stone can get kind of annoying, especially if you're a film star. Her "Magic in the Moonlight" co-star, Colin Firth, says his mobile was blowing up while Stone watched his 2004 film "Bridget Jones: the Edge of Reason" because the actress decided to live-text the plot to him. "She's talking through my back catalog via text," Firth

tells the Daily Beast of the experience. "I might decide to not revisit stuff in the past, and then you get a good friend saying, Oh, when you were doing this you had this and that expression on your face.' Stone, for her part, totally cops to the text barrage, but seems to have no remorse. "You were very upset with me, if I remember correctly," she tells

Efron's curious walk of shame





'Manhattan' in the desert

Interview. Olivia Williams turns botanist in a show about one of the more secretive periods of American history — the Manhattan Project.

For a certain group of indie movie lovers, Olivia Williams will always be Rosemary Cross, the perpetually out-of-reach object of affection for Jason Schwartzman's Max Fischer in "Rushmore," the movie that launched Wes Anderson's career. But Williams doesn't mind. "I love that film," she says. "I still get the best fan encounters with 'Rushmore' fans and the best job offers, frankly. The only time I get offered a job without having to audition is from someone who loved 'Rushmore.' I thank Wes Anderson for that job every day, I think."

Her latest project is decidedly less whimsical. She plays Liza Winter, the wife of a physicist working on the Manhattan Project on WGN America's "Manhattan." The show is shot on a reconstructed version of the historic research base in New Mexico. Because of the name, Williams jokes, "I was planning on spending five months in New York. It was a bit of a rude shock to realize it would be five months in New

Williams had some trepidation about heading out to the desert for the show. "To me, as an English person with rolling hills and Wordsworth, a desert is a negative term. But I have to say after five months here, it's intensely beautiful," she says. On the other hand, filming in an actual desert does come with some practical concerns. "Keeping your eyes open and trying to act any emotion other than being pissed off in a dust storm is very, very hard.'

It's not Williams' first role in this era. She played Eleanor Roosevelt in 2012's "Hyde Park on Hudson" alongside "Rushmore" costar Bill Murray, and joked that she could borrow the accent work. Liza has a Ph.D. in botany, and puts her career on hold to support her husband's physics career. "Eleanor represented a highly educated group of women who made their husbands' lives a misery if they disagreed with their political views. I think Liza is an honorable member of that," laughs Williams.

Liza's botany background does come in handy on the show as she notices oddities in the plant life in town, no doubt caused by radiation. "I think she's a sort of tropic figure, you know. She's Cassandra. She has the gift of prophecy, but the curse of never being believed," says

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Marriage of equals

Liza's life on the base might be very different from a modern woman's, but holding off on your own career while your partner pursues an opportunity remains common. Williams says Liza may have agreed to the move to help her husband pursue "his greatest career opportunity," but she may now be "beginning to rethink that decision.





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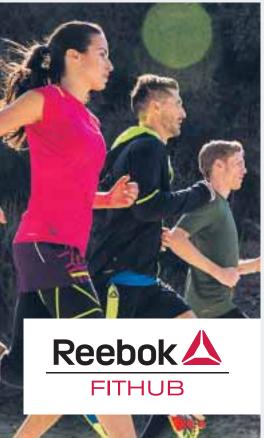




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DEATH TALK WITH ALLEN Woody Allen directs Emma Stone, left, and Colin Firth, right, on the set of "Magic in the Moonlight." / SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Happy thoughts.

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Let Woody Allen brighten ýour day by going on and on about the meaninalessness of life.

Woody Allen doesn't do press very often, and it would seem obvious given the last several months — that he would keep that up for his latest, "Magic in the Moonlight," a romantic comedy starring Colin Firth and Emma Stone. And yet he did a press conference anyway. Of course, only one journalist has the nerve to even hint — and only hint — at the Dylan Farrow controversy. Allen, of course, avoids it by talking about escaping reality in general.

"I've been escaping my whole life," Allen responds. "Since I was a child I escaped by sitting at the movies all day long. Then when I got older I escaped into the world of unreality by making movies. Each year for my whole life, I've

been living in a bubble. And I like it."

He doesn't avoid everything. Any chance to sound off on his grim view of a godless universe is one he takes. What follows are the most hilariously downer bits from the subject that eventually came to dominate the interview room.

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it is. I think it's a lot of sound and fury signifying nothing.'

Every 100 years there's a big flush, and everybody in the world [that was once there is gone. And it's a new group of people, and then they get flushed. This goes on and on interminably, to no particular end, and for no rhyme or

"The universe, as you know from the best physicists, is coming apart, and eventually there will be nothing, absolutely nothing. All the great works of Shakespeare and Beethoven and Da Vinci – all that will be gone. It won't happen for a long time, but it will be shorter than you think, because the sun is going to burn out much sooner than the universe does.

"I feel the grimmest facts are the real facts. You're born, you die, you suffer, there's no purpose and then you're gone forever and ever and ever, and that's it. Facing that massive, overwhelming, bleak reality, to find a reason to cope with that, I think, is the artist's job.'

"What I would recommend — this is the solution I've come up with - is distraction. That's all you can do. You get up, you get distracted by your love life, by a baseball game, by movies, by worrying about whether my kid can get into private school, if this girl will go out with me Saturday night, can I think of an ending for the third act of my play, will I get the promotion in my office. But in the end, the universe burns out. My characters portray this feeling. Have a good weekend."

Going 'Bananas' Why he directs

Allen says he never wanted to be a director. "When I started directing films, I was only directing to protect my own jokes. 'Take the Money and Run' and 'Bananas,' they were just jokes, one after another," he explains. "I had made a film called 'What's New, Pussycat?' which I was just the writer of, and I had



given them a lot of good jokes, and they ruined one after the other. I vowed I would never do a film unless I directed it, just to protect the jokes. I had no interest in being a director. "Over the years I've become pretentious and

grandiose, and I see myself wearing a different suit now," Allen says. "I make a fool of myself more frequently."



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Readings, concerts, special events: The New York Musical Theatre Festival has them all. But it's the staged productions most people come to see. They're hoping they'll discover the new "Next to Normal," which went from the NYMF (the "T" presumably dropped for euphonic reasons) all the way to Broadway. These three previews are just a sampling of what you'll find scheduled for the rest of this week.







Where to find craft beers on the cheap

Craft beers can be pricev. but there are a few bars I visit to discover new breweries at a decent price. All of these bars change taps often and offer tasting nights from visiting breweries.

Rattle n Hum

14 E. 33rd St.: This bar has 40 beers on tap and delicious burgers. They have the best Thai chili wings (\$10) I've ever had. Brunch is \$12.95 and includes a free mimosa or Bloody Mary. Score \$5 select drafts, wine and well drinks Monday to Friday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. It's also a great choice to watch sporting events with plenty of tables and a large bar area.

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637 10th Ave. and 1444 First Ave.: The Pony Bar has \$6 craft beers daily from any of their 20 taps and cask selections. From 4:20-5:20 p.m. daily, beers are only \$5. I usually order the veal meatball sandwich (\$10) and the large soft pretzels (\$7). The Hell's Kitchen location is more intimate, while the Upper East Side spot is great for larger groups. They often have breweries that take over their taps.

The Dive Bar

101 W. 75th St., 732 Amsterdam Ave., 2662 Broadway: The three Dive Bars on the Upper West Side offer 20 beers on tap. Domestic drafts start at \$4 and craft beers \$6. From 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday you'll save \$2 on drafts. They make unbelievable homemade sweet potato chips with cinnamon and cayenne pepper (\$4). They often hold live music and tasting events.



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The Weekly Yelp. Nothing fishy about these picks for ceviche

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Cevich

21 E. 15th St., **Union Square** We've seen the Cronut, the ramen burger, the ramen burrito/ ramenrrito - and now NYC ingenuity offers yet another tasty hybrid, the ceviche burrito. A new and interesting spin on ceviche, this small establishment is great for a quick lunch on the go. ALLEN K.

Desnuda

122 E. 7th St., East Village Cool little spot specialized in ceviche.





Salmon ceviche: very good and delicate. Tuna ceviche: wonderful, spiced just right. Truly memorable. GIACOMO C.

La Cerveceria

65 2nd Ave., East Village Fluke ceviche: mmm, citrus goodness.

The fluke was fresh and there were all these nuts and kernels of corn I never tasted before! Definitely a must-try! chris c.

La Pupleria

371 W. 46 St., Theater District I am still thinking about how good the scallop ceviche was. ARI A.

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Wallscaping on DIY. Matthew pastel wedding cakes or Giambattista Valli's recent Mead says skip couture skirts - looks PLUS **Professional** the wallpaper and incredibly intricate, Mead create an ombre assures us the effect is easy touch Design deal to create. Here's how: accent wall instead. To make the process "Start by picking three colors," says **Canvas** even easier, Mead used Wagner's Flexio paint **Summer Sale** Wallpaper costs a fortune. the stylist. "One way sprayer for the project. "It's great because it's Matthew Mead, stylist to foolproof it is to look such a fine mist that you and co-editor of Backyard at paint chips that are can easily blend in the already gradient in color Style magazine gets creative with Wagner so you can start with the colors," he says. Spray Tech and shows us darkest one and move up WAGNER FLEXIO 590 PAINT how a little spray paint two steps. SPRAYER KIT, goes a long way when it WWW.HOMEDEPOT.COM

comes to decorating your

Ombre is trending

The ombre effect is one of the hottest trends right now when it comes to interior design, Mead says. "It's a way to make a statement — almost like having a piece of art." While the trend like on those popular

Coat the wall with the lightest tone first. Then paint from the bottom with the dark tone, and at last use the medium tone," says Mead. 'Divide the wall into three different areas before you start painting, so you know where to start and stop."

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Choosing a color

"I love Benjamin Moore paint, and I take the color chips with me and look for things that go with it."

Start small

If you're nervous about doing a whole wall, Mead says, "You can [create the effect] on anything — furniture, room screens or giant canvases." He looks for cheap finds in flea

"Do ombre on a plain birdcage [that's] just a supporting role in your decor, and it now has a starring role," he says.





\$48M

The most expensive property this week is a penthouse at 145 Hudson St. This 7,500-squarefoot duplex has 22-foot ceilings.

Least expensive

\$225K

The least expensive is a co-op at 325 W. 45th St. The studio offers a kitchenette and closet.

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Real estate. A look at the poshest private pools in Manhattan

Luxury brokers talk of pools within condo units or townhouses as the ultimate "wow" factor in space-starved Manhattan, where something as simple as a breakfast alcove is considered real estate gold.

Right now, there are

about 10 townhouses and condos in the entire borough with pools; the number is difficult to pin down because of, well, the private nature of private pools. Here, we've highlighted some of the city's swankiest ones — some of which are ripe for the taking (or, at least, renting).



LLNYC focuses on high-end apartment and townhouse listings in Manhattan

Take a work break



214 Lafayette St.

Current rent: \$80,000
Looking for some easy stress relief? This converted power substation — dating to the 19th century — has a 480-square-foot indoor pool right next to the home office. It's added an unmitigated "wow" factor to this five-story townhouse, which has hosted countless private parties as well as video shoots for John Mayer and Beyonce. A new tenant

moved in for the summer at the end of May and agreed to pay the asking rent of \$80,000 a month for the 13,000-square-foot spread on the Nolita-Little Italy border. The home will be available again Sept. 1.

"The reaction is always incredible when they see the pool," Steve Halpern, the broker with Urban Compass who has the listing, said in an email. "The joke is always 'Too bad I didn't bring my bathing suit."

The dream

551 West 21st St., Penthouse

Asking price: \$50

The nearly 62-footlong, 9.5-foot-wide lap pool has been up for grabs since early May, when it officially went on the market as part of the 6,200-squarefoot, floor-through penthouse designed by Norman Foster and developed by Scott Resnick. It's part of a three-sided, 4,500-square-foot outdoor space with dictatorial views of the Hudson River and Northern Jersey.

Spa appeal

60 Collister St.

Asking price: \$18.95 million

The luxurious 44-foot-long pool on the lowest level of this approximately 9,300-square-foot triplex is surrounded by and is made of marble. This in-residence spa also boasts a sauna and a steam room.

Apps. Vent brings complaining — and that's it — to social media

Vent

Device: iOS (Android coming soon) **Price:** Free

Emotions. We all have them (so I hear). The thing is, we don't always feel comfortable letting friends and family know about them, particularly if we are just annoyed at something stupid. That's where this new app Vent comes in, allowing you to, uh, vent anonymously to the Western sprawl that is the Internet.

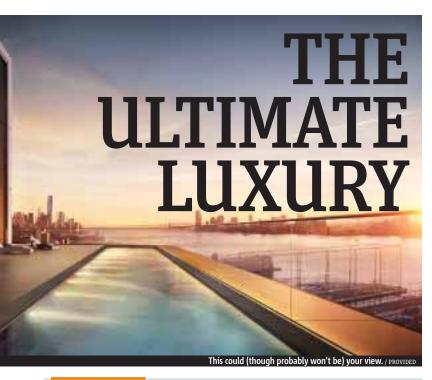
Vent is a social network of sorts, built around complaining. You can make your profile as anonymous as you like, and there's even a search function that filters via emotion.

As it is es-

sentially a social network, you can follow people who vent in ways that appeal to you. The whole thing is strangely addictive. Now, of course, the app can't promise you'll feel better after whining about the 45 minutes you just wasted in line at the pharmacy, but hey,

it's worth a try.





Waterfall included

45 E. 74th St.

Asking price: \$26 million

The approximately 9,000-square-foot townhouse boasts two soaking spots: a hot tub with . Bisazza Mosaico glass tiles on the roof and, in the lower level, a 435-squarefoot salt-water pool that's adorned with a skylightilluminated water wall.

The five-bedroom, 7.5-bathroom home



dates back to 1879 and was redone in the Italian Renaissance style by its sellers, a group of Italian investors. There are modern flourishes as well, including

hand-crafted bronze and leather banisters, a marble facade and state-of-the-art kitchen. Plus, there's a wine cellar as well as a portico at



Double the fun

51 Walker St.

Asking price:

\$4.675 million This 50-foot-wide Tribeca townhouse boasts some serious swagger in its outdoor space: The 1,574-square-foot terrace and garden has a 25-square-foot Jacuzzi, plus a pool that's larger than 300 square feet.

The Jacuzzi (left) isn't much smaller than the adjacent pool. / PROVI

Take laps

40 Mercer St.

Asking price: \$13.995 million

No need to use the communal pool in this SoHo condo: The approximately 380-square-foot side terrace of Penthouse 7 holds a more than

84-square-foot lap poolslash-Jacuzzi. It's located just off the kitchen and the study.

The 3,006-square-foot eight-room penthouse, with three bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms, has an asking price of \$13.995 million.



Coming up

522 W. 29th St.

Asking price: TBAThis planned condo development, dubbed the Soori High Line because of its proximity to Chelsea's super-hip elevated park, will more than double the number of private pools in NYC.

Of the 27 luxury condos in the 11-story building, 16 will have heated outdoor pools. While asking prices are not yet available, we now know the dimensions of the pools: lengths from 23 to 25 feet, widths from 7 to 9 feet, and each will be

THE 'TOO MANY **CORDS' PROBLEM**



Besides that pesky NSA spying on us, the only downside of owning gobs of gadgets is that anxiety-inducing tangle of cables and cords. They are everywhere, and they make me want to die. There's gotta be a better way to handle all of these chargers, right? There just might be. Here are two new gadgets to help you keep the cords of your gadgets in check:

Plug Hub

\$24, Quirky

Plug Hub is the perfect solution if desk-based cord clutter has got you down in the dumps. You slide a surge protector in the bottom, wrap all of your cords around three anchors and shut the dang thing and forget

about it. To all of the world it'll look like your cords disappear into this mysterious white box, never to be heard from again. How does it work? It's

such a simple design, it'd be hard to screw up. It does its job. At the end of the day, this is just a box with holes in it, but the price is right, and it's not as if you are going to build this on your own. We both know that.

HUBIT

\$80, Eggtronic

The HUB IT offers a fairly elegant and simple solution to that ageold "too many cords" problem. Essentially, as the name indicates, it's a sleek black hub and you plug all of your devices

into it. The cables are fully retractable, sliding out of sight when not in use. "Out of sight, out of mind," a wise procrastinator once said.

The unit comes with a series of chargers built in that handle any iOS device or Android device, as well as anything that charges via USB or micro-USB. If you own any gadgets that aren't serviced out of the box, you can buy adaptors that usually run \$8. What can I say? It works. It made my room just a tiny bit more sane. The design is still a tad, for lack of a better word, clunky but the service it provides far outweighs any petty grievances.



One more debt you don't want

Zzz. Sleep debt is harmful — but are naps the answer?

As a new mom with a demanding career, Kristen Perullo was up every couple hours during the night with her baby. Her schedule of sleeping only for short periods, parenting and putting in full days at the office was taking its toll. But when she was struck with what she calls the "worst headache of her life" at work one day, she knew something was terribly wrong.

"I didn't want to make a big deal about it," Perullo says. "So I got up and went to the ER."

The news wasn't good. Perullo's immune system was so severely weakened Tips

The CDC offers the following tips for better sleep:

- Try to maintain a schedule of going to bed and getting up at the same time each day — even on the weekends!
- Your bedroom should be a quiet, dark and relaxing environment kept at a moderate temperature.
- Keep your bedroom separate from the rest of your life. Avoid reading, watching TV or listening to music, and keep out any gadgets like cell phones or laptops.
- Don't eat large meals before going to bed.

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by sleep deprivation that she had contracted viral meningitis.

Perullo is just one of the 70 million Americans who suffers from sleeping disorders. This deprivation, known as sleep debt, can cause damage that's much more severe than needing a couple extra shots of espresso in your latte.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently declared Americans' lack of sleep an epidemic; it's so damaging that it can cause health problems including high blood pressure and diabetes. And while many people say that a power nap recharges them, a new study shows catching just a few Z's may not help in the long run.

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The case against naps

Scientists at the University of Pennsylvania found that lack of sleep kills brain cells. By studying sleep deprivation in mice, researchers discovered that prolonged wakefulness damages a type of neuron known as LCns, or locus ceruleus.

The study's lead author, Dr. Sigrid Veasey, says catching a few hours of extra sleep may feel beneficial, but it's still not enough to catch up on long-term sleep debt: "Our work suggests that in the long run, regular use of weekend catch-up sleep may not lead to a full recovery for the brain. These are changes that are either irreversible or take longer than a nap to remedy."

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The case for naps

The secret weapon of Northwestern University's football team isn't extra practice or strategy sessions. Last year, the Chicago Tribune reported that players wore censors that monitored the amount of sleep they got, as well as its quality level. By enacting mandatory nap time for his players, the coach saw improvements in performance.

And this practice isn't just utilized by students. For major companies such as Cisco, the Huffington Post and Google, napping has become an accepted part of work life.

Justin Lee, a Ph.D. candidate in a joint Harvard-MIT program, is a frequent napper working to eliminate the groggy feeling you get when you're awakened from



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a deep sleep, known as sleep inertia. "When you sleep, there are different phases," he says. "It's lighter, then deeper, then light again. ... But if you wake up abruptly in a deep stage, you get sleep inertia."

Lee is the inventor of Napwell, a sleep inertia mask that mimics a sun-rise, waking you up gradually. "Naps can boost your productivity throughout the day," says Lee, who hopes to start selling the Napwell this fall. "Even if you're well rested, they're really good for you."





This week in health news



Brain chip to restore memory in the works

Results: The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency whose projects have included creating the Internet – is researching an implantable brain chip to help restore memory. The technology has specific potential for military service members, veterans and others affected by traumatic brain injury. UCLA and the University of Pennsylvania have been selected to carry out different aspects of DARPA's Restoring Active Memory program. Researchers are aiming to develop and test implantable, wireless devices to essentially bridge the gaps that interfere with the ability to recall old memories and encode new ones.

Significance: For people who have suffered a traumatic brain

injury, the ability to recall memories can be directly impacted. Even simple tasks like a trip to the supermarket can prove difficult. An implantable chip could be a game changer as there are currently no targeted treatments to restore memory function.

Testicular cancer rates up among Hispanic youth

Results: Cases of testicular cancer have increased by 58 percent among young Hispanic Americans, according to a new analysis that spans almost two decades. During the same time period, an increase of just 7 percent was recorded in non-Hispanic white teens and young adults. An explanation remains unclear.

Significance: Researchers say

a variety of factors might be at play. In general, men with a family or personal history with the disease are inherently at greater risk, as are men whose testes have not descended. Taller people also seem more likely to develop testicular cancer. "It turns out that in the past 30 years, the height of Mexican-American boys has increased to a much greater degree than heights in either the white population or the black population," said Dr. Rebecca Johnson of Seattle Children's Hospital. Increased marijuana use has also been associated with the new statistics.

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Gratitude increases patience

Results: A team of researchers assessed impatience by requiring participants to choose between instant gratification or future monetary rewards. Would you rather have \$54 right now? Or \$80 next month? To see how mind-set impacted decision-making, participants wrote about an event that made them feel either grateful, happy or neutral. The happy or neutral group took the immediate payout. However, grateful people were more likely to hold off.

Significance: A simple gratitude exercise may help curb impulse spending. "Momentary experiences of gratitude were enough to increase financial patience by 12 percent," said David DeSteno of Northeastern University. "This suggests that gratitude could enhance savings behavior and self-

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Letters

War crimes committed

There is information surfacing that the Russian military aided rebels with the missile that obliterated the Malaysia Airline Flight 17. Meanwhile, Russian President Vladmir Putin denies the accusations. Yet the world cries out for answers and justice, now that 80 children were murdered of the 298 on board. Added to all that the Ukrainian rebels have been reported to have desecrated the bodies and who have robbed the victims of valuables. In my view, war crimes have been committed. All those involved need to be summoned and that trail goes all the way to the Kremlin and President Putin. These acts are crimes against humanity. FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA EMAIL

Letter writer right about president

Re: 'Obama to blame' (Metro, July 22) Kudos to letter writer Kevin Metz. He states the facts as they are, which is amazing, because nobody can seem to do that in this horrible country of ours, which our beloved politicians are ruining. My thoughts exactly about how these countries have been in this kind of turmoil for years and now why all of a sudden is this influx happening. There is an answer: OBAMA. IULIA LEEZ. VIA EMAIL

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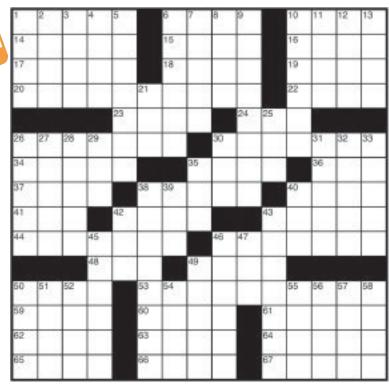
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VFL. The Jets open a season with heightened expectations.

Jets head coach Rex Ryan might be in for an even tougher job in 2014 after what was arguably his greatest coaching job ever last season.

Expectations are raised with the bulk of his defense returning, some additions to a bland offense and 12 draft picks adding depth on the both sides of the

The Jets could be a playoff team this year, even with a difficult schedule and a rapidly improving AFC East. And while Ryan dodged perceived doom last year by coaching his team into playoff contention in December, the Jets have to make the postseason this year.

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QB "battle"

Starting quarterback is Geno Smith's job not to lose — it's just his job, period. Even as management has used the "competition" mantra across the board over the past year, it clearly won't apply to the most important position on the field. Veteran Michael Vick appears to have

been brought in solely to mentor Smith - a headscratcher given his experience in the West Coast offense. But no matter how well Vick might play or how poorly Smith does, it won't matter much.

Smith will be the starter in preseason and come Week 1 despite what might unfold in training camp. This isn't Debbie Downer talk, it's just reality. Smith is the starter here and there is no QB battle.



Guarded concern

Rookie Brian Winters had struggles when slotted into the starting left guard job midseason. While he improved some, he still has shortcomings, including short arms which leads to problems against the rush. With veteran right guard Willie Colon recovering from offseason knee surgery, there is precious little depth at either guard position.

Rookie Oday Aboushi was on the 53-man roster last season but wasn't active for any games. He re-worked his body in the offseason but needs to prove he can play guard.

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On the nose

Last year's defense was very good, in large part to the work done by Damon Harrison and Kenrick Ellis at nose tackle.

Harrison stepped up as an undrafted rookie free agent in 2012 to play a major role the next season along the defensive line. Ellis, now entering his fourth year in the league, took major steps forward in his development.

It's understandable that edge players Muhammad Wilkerson and Sheldon Richardson stole a lot of their thunder, but they relied on the tackles. If Ellis and Harrison

continue their development — particularly Ellis who made huge strides physically last year the Jets could have two young anchors for their line who are both selfless, team players.



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McAdoo makes even Couahlin excited to learn

Giants head coach Tom Coughlin is a football sage, having spent a decade in the coaching ranks. But even he feels he has a lot to learn about offensive coordinator Ben McAdoo's new offense, which makes the veteran coach very excited.

"I like that part of it,

because I have to study it, too," Coughlin said. "The difference is the language; it's foreign. And when that's the case, it's exciting and new, because simply put, in our previous offense, what we tried to do was taper down the verbiage. But with this offense, there's a lot of verbiage. That's the issue that keeps us all on our

Quarterback Eli Manning, who is trying to



learn a new offense for the first time in his 11-year career, admitted he was "a little excited, energized and a little nervous.'

That's a good thing," said Coughlin. "That's what all this [change] was done for. We're excited about studying and getting back at it. That's a good response to be uncomfortable [because] we don't want anyone around here to be comfortable."



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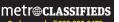
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